

# TOWN OF WILTON

## SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: March 31, 2014

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Town Office

Present: Chairman William F. Condra and Selectmen Richard E. Swanson, Kermit R. Williams, and Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Condra.

Chairman Condra opened the Public Hearing to amend the Pole License. Todd Haywood, Wilton's Assessor, attended to give the Board of Selectmen a background on the Pole Licenses. Todd explained that they are amending the license to be compliant with the law. He spoke of the Fairpoint appeal. Amending the license, as requested, will give the Town the mechanism to know who is on the poles and to be able to properly assess them. The Town owns the Right of Way that the pole sits on. If the lines were buried this "pole license" would cover them also. Todd stated that if the Town does not adopt this amended license it could jeopardize future appeals. Todd is offering this amended language for the Board to adopt tonight. It must be in place by April 1st to be effective for this tax year. It could potentially add to the values we currently have as we could get knowledge of additional assessments on the poles. Selectmen Condra explained the reason for the Public Hearing to the members of the audience.

Motion: Selectman Williams made a motion to accept the amendments to the pole license. Selectman Swanson seconded the motion, followed by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Chairman Condra noted that PSNH responded to the Public Hearing notice and he requested that their letter become part of the minutes of

the meeting. The letter will follow these minutes.

A motion was made to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative.

Chairman Condra recognized Senator Peter Bragdon, who was next on the agenda. Senator Bragdon introduced himself to the Selectmen and updated them on a few of the current bills, including the Ten Year Highway plan that recently passed in the House, the Gas Tax Bill, FEMA money, and the Gambling Bill. He told the Selectmen to feel free to contact him with any questions or concerns.

Selectman Williams updated the Board on the bridge project that will begin on June 8th and be done by August 18th. The bridge will be closed between July 7th and August 18th.

Kermit invited Peter to participate in Wilton's Old Homes Day which runs from August 16th through August 23rd. Peter agreed to this invitation. The Board thanked Senator Bragdon for his time.

John Shepardson was next on the agenda. Chairman Condra asked for an update on the Town Hall Project which John provided. When asked for the Contractor of choice for the job, John stated that the budget dictates that Contractor Kim Davis gets the job because he is the low bidder and the only bid under the amount taken out for the project. John is dividing the project into phases, with the bathroom being the priority. Selectman Swanson thinks the labor done by the Highway Department should also be paid for out of the Warrant Article money. The Board gave John the go-ahead to contact Kim Davis, and they would like a contract from him if possible.

Next, John told the Selectmen that he would like to have ICC do the plan review for the new school renovation. He then explained the ISO rating to Selectman Williams.

John had other items that he thought might require a nonpublic session. Chairman Condra did not believe his first issue required a nonpublic session. John proceeded to tell the Selectmen about a house that he planned to condemn. Chairman Condra agrees it ought to be condemned. John said he would post the notice Tuesday morning.

Selectman Swanson suggested a nonpublic session to discuss John's wages. Chairman Condra called for a nonpublic per RSA 91A:3,II(a) to discuss personnel at 7:45P.M.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:51 P.M.

The Accounts Payable manifests were approved.

The meeting minutes were signed.

One (1) Current Use Application was signed.

One (1) Veteran's Exemption Application was signed.

The MS-2 Report of Appropriations Actually Voted was signed.

Jane Farrell was next on the agenda. Chairman Condra called for a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3,II(c) at 8:11 P.M. to discuss taxes.

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:35 P.M.

Dennis Markaverich was next on the agenda to discuss the renovations to the ladies room. He has spent some time cleaning out some of the unused wiring to save some money for the Town. He told the Board about the status of his digital conversion. He asked if he could get an outside water spigot while the plumbers were here. After further discussion the Board thanked Dennis.

Selectman Williams presented a letter regarding the Frye Farm easement for discussion with the Board. Kermit has been asked by Kathy Boss of High Mowing to participate in the search for ideas of how best to make use of the easement. Selectman Swanson read the letter and voiced his concerns. He thinks there should be an open

forum or public meeting to get the requested input. Other than that he doesn't see the point of the letter. Chairman Condra stated that the Selectmen asked for easement dialogue a year ago and have been stonewalled; now they want to push it off to the Town. Selectman Williams responded that the Town has the option to ask for trails, a picnic area, or a natural amphitheater. Selectman Swanson said that they should take advantage of this opportunity. After further discussion about the letter, it was decided that Selectman Swanson would rewrite the letter.

Motion: A motion was made to appoint Kermit to be the Selectmen's representative for the purpose of conservation easement discussions for the Frye Farm easement. The motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative.

The Board moved on to other business.

Motion: A motion was made to rename Neil Faiman for another term to the Wilton Zoning Board of Adjustment from 2014 -2017.

Selectman Williams seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The appointments for Trustee of the Trust Funds were discussed.

Motion: Chairman Condra made a motion to table the naming of the trustee of the trust fund. The motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative.

Motion: Selectman Williams made a motion to appoint Joanna K. Eckstrom to a full term on the Wilton Zoning Board of Adjustment for 2014-2017. Selectman Swanson seconded the motion followed by a unanimous.

Selectman Swanson talked about the Heritage Commission meeting and a discussion took place about the dummy rust problem.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 P.M. by Chairman Condra, seconded by Selectman Swanson, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

Pamela L. Atwood,

Recording Secretary